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1. Penicillin producers in East Germany include Jenapharm VEB in Jena with 90 percent and the Madaus VEB in Dresden with 10 percent of the total production. The 1953 total production plan amounted to 3,000,000,000 units which had to cover the total demand including that of VP and National Forces. ¹
2. State reserves of pharmaceuticals, except insulin and streptomycin, were located in Lommatzsch, Saxony. Insulin and streptomycin were stored as state reserves in a Dresden cool-house which, in February 1953, contained 47,313,200 insulin units worth about 945,000 eastmarks and 30,000 grams of streptomycin worth about 102,000 eastmarks.
3. East Germany, which was unable to produce streptomycin and had no original cultures, imported streptomycin as a finished product from the USA, Switzerland, the USSR and West Germany. In the summer of 1952, it allegedly received original cultures by illegal importation from the west. These western imports were delivered to Jenapharm VEB in Jena and were reported dealt with there by Professor Knoell (fnu), who was the only expert in this field in East Germany. Specialists hoped that East Germany would be independent of imports from abroad and would be able to produce streptomycin in the spring of 1953. Professor Knoell was allegedly also developing the production of aureomycin. ²
4. Medical dressings scheduled for the population in 1953 were valued at 15,000,000 eastmarks. Although this volume was in no way equivalent to the actual requirements, this appropriation was cut by 4,800,000 eastmarks by the state reserve in agreement with the Pharmaceuticals Department which was headed by Dieter Baumann of the Ministry of Health.

25X1A [redacted] Comment: [redacted] in which first quarter 1953
 25X1A Jenapharm production of penicillin G is reported as 412 billion IU
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25X1A [redacted] Comment: Dr med Hans Knoell, managing director of the Jenapharm VEB,
 Jena, is known as a physician and scientist.

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